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SUBJECT:23RD NATO EW ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NEWAC) MEETING

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1. AT THE MAY 31-JUNE 2 NEWAC MEETING, THE NEWAC CHAIRMAN (COL. PIRKEY - USAF) STATED THAT AS A RESULT OF A MANPOWER STUDY A PROPOSAL TO ADD ONE OFFICER TO HIS STAFF WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN NATO HEADQUARTERS. MISSION SHOULD BE AWARE OF PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE CHAIRMAN'S STAFF AND SUPPORT IT. HOWEVER, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU SUPPORT THE CANDIDACY OF A UK NAVAL OFFICER TO FILL THE NEW POST SINCE WE WOULD NOT WISH TO JEOPARDIZE MAINTAINING THE U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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MEMBER IN THE CHAIRMAN'S POSITION BY ADDING ANOTHER U.S. EW OFFICER.

2. REGARDING PROPOSAL IN REFTEL TO EFFECT THAT MISSION PROPOSE A NATO EW SYMPOSIUM IN EUROPE, SUBJECT WAS RAISED BY U.S. REP AT NEWAC MEETING. OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED ITSELF WHEN CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST FOR OFFERS TO

HOST 1978 NAVY AND AIR FORCE SYMPOSIA WAS NOT TAKEN UP.

U.S. REP THEN SUGGESTED THAT IN LIGHT OF INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF EW CONCERNS IN NATO, IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO COMBINE THESE SYMPOSIA INTO A TRI-SERVICE GOVERNMENT-INDUSTRY PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ADDRESS URGENT NATO EW CONCERNS. HE DESCRIBED THE DESIRABILITY OF A NATO EW SYMPOSIUM ALONG LINES CONTAINED REFTEL, STRESSING STRONG DOD SUPPORT THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH AN UNDERTAKING AND THAT ASSOCIATION OF OLD CROWS (AOC) WOULD PARTICIPATE AND ORGANIZE SUCH A SYMPOSIUM IN LATE SPRING, 1978 ONCE A HOST CAN BE FOUND.

3. THE CHAIRMAN URGED THAT OFFERS TO HOST THIS NEWAC SYMPOSIUM BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 1977. THE NETHERLANDS, GERMAN AND SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER REPRESENTATIVES SEEMED VERY INTERESTED. SOME REPRESENTATIVES SUGGESTED THAT NATO HEADQUARTERS WOULD BE THE MOST LOGICAL PLACE TO HOST THE SYMPOSIUM. REQUEST MISSION INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF THIS AND ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN IF NATO NATIONS WOULD IN FACT SUPPORT SUCH AN EW SYMPOSIUM IN BRUSSELS.

4. AS STATED REFTEL, THIS EFFORT IS CLEARLY IN LINE WITH WASHINGTON POLICIES - SHORT AND LONG TERM - AIMED AT STRENGTHENING NATO POSTURE IN EW AREA.
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